

January 31, 2016
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Mark 14:1-11

“Extravagant Devotion”

- I. The Title – 1:1 – “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”
- II. The Prologue – 1:2-13
- III. The Body: The Public Demonstration of Who Jesus Is and What He Came to Do – 1:14-15:41
 - A. The Galilean Ministry: Who Jesus Is (the Christ the Son of God) – 1:14-9:50
 - B. The Judean Ministry: What Jesus Came To Do – 10:1-15:41
 - 1. On the Way to Jerusalem (10:1-52)
 - 2. At the Temple in Jerusalem (11:1 - 13:37)
 - 3. In and Around Jerusalem (14:1 - 15:41)**
 - a. Plot – 14:1-11**

1) Ugly - Part 1 (1-2; cf. Mt. 26:1-5; Lk. 22:1-2)

2) Beautiful (3-9; cf. Mt. 26:6-13; Jn. 12:2-8)

3) Ugly - Part 2 (10-11; cf. Mt. 26:14-16; Lk. 22:3-6)

So What?

Discussion & Application:

1. Read Mark 13:33-37 and Mark 14:1-11. Is there a connection? Who is an example of someone who is spiritually awake and aware of what is going on and who is not?
2. Why do the chief priests and scribes want to kill Jesus? Why didn't they want to do it during the festival? Why were they so concerned about what the people thought? What kind of leadership is that?
3. Who are the people involved in v. 3-9? Who is Simon? Why is he described as "the leper?" Why isn't the "woman" given a name? Why does John give her name in John 12:1-3? Who is she? What was she thankful for? Who else was there?
4. Do you think the woman understood that Jesus was going to die? If so, how did she know that? Why are others apparently clueless about this after Jesus told them so many times? How does this relate to Mark 13:33-37? What kept them from seeing what was going to happen?
5. Why were the disciples indignant about the cost of the perfume? Why would they think it was a waste? What would it be worth in American dollars? Would you call that an extravagant thing to do?
6. Jesus said that she did a "good" deed to Him. What does that particular Greek word "good" mean?
7. What are we supposed to do for the poor? Are there any New Testament verses telling us to give to the poor? How do you handle it when you see poor people begging in your community?
8. Why did they anoint bodies for burial? Why did she need to do this beforehand?
9. Why does Jesus say that wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, that what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her? What exactly has she done? Why is it so important that we tell others about it? What is the point?
10. Why does the passage now turn to Judas Iscariot's plot to betray Jesus? Who was inspiring Judas to do this? (See Luke 22:3 and John 13:2) What is the contrast between the religious leaders, Judas, and the woman?
11. What should be characteristic of someone who understands who Jesus is and what He has done for him or her? What kind of devotion should they have toward Him? How extravagant should they be in their devotion?
12. How are you demonstrating extravagant devotion to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? What are you doing that is causing people of the world to become indignant toward you and scold you for being wasteful?